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II <input type="checkbox"/>	Priority
III <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
IV <input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of unity of invention
V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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VIII <input type="checkbox"/>	Certain observations on the international application

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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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## I. Basis of the report

### 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

☐ the international application as originally filed

☒ the description:

pages 1-5, as originally filed  
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pages NONE, filed with the letter of

☒ the claims:

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pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19  
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☒ the drawings:

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☒ the sequence listing part of the description:

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### 2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

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- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
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- ☐ contained in the international application in printed form.
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- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
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- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

### 4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages NONE
- ☒ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

### 5. ☐ This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

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## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-4 YES

Claims NONE NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims 1-4 YES

Claims NONE NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-4 YES

Claims NONE NO

### 2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-4 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4) because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed fiber optic diaphragm sensor and housing configuration wherein the claimed choice of ferrule material and bonding material have differing thermal expansion coefficients.

NEW CITATIONS

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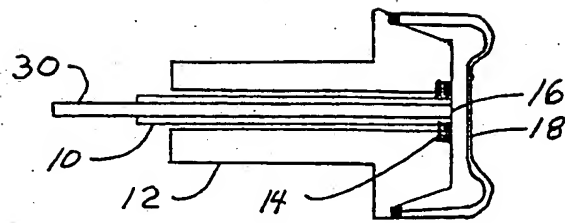


FIG. 1

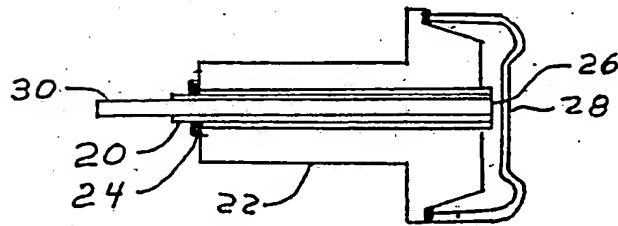


FIG. 2

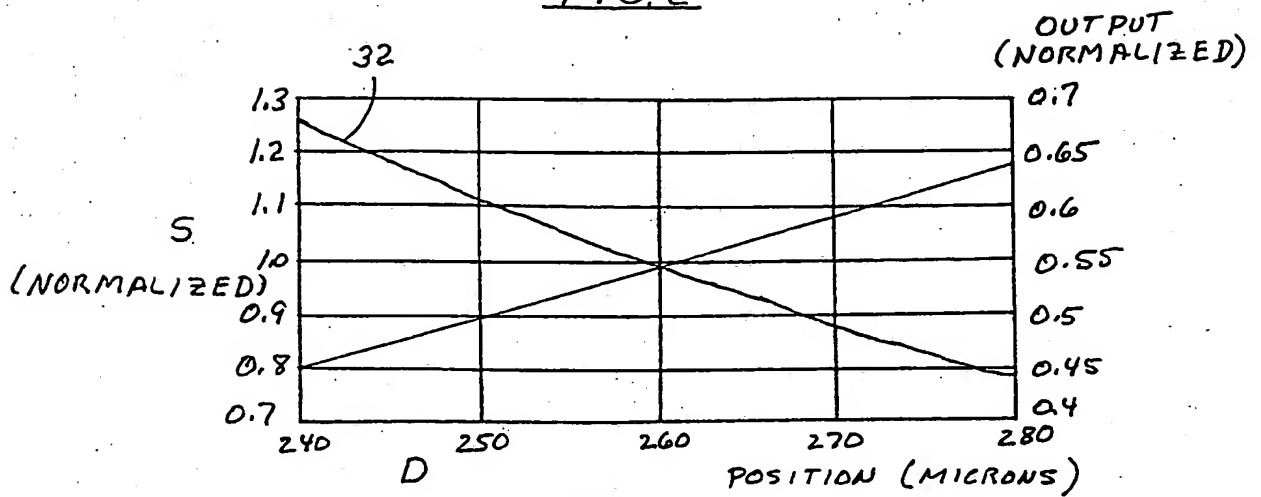
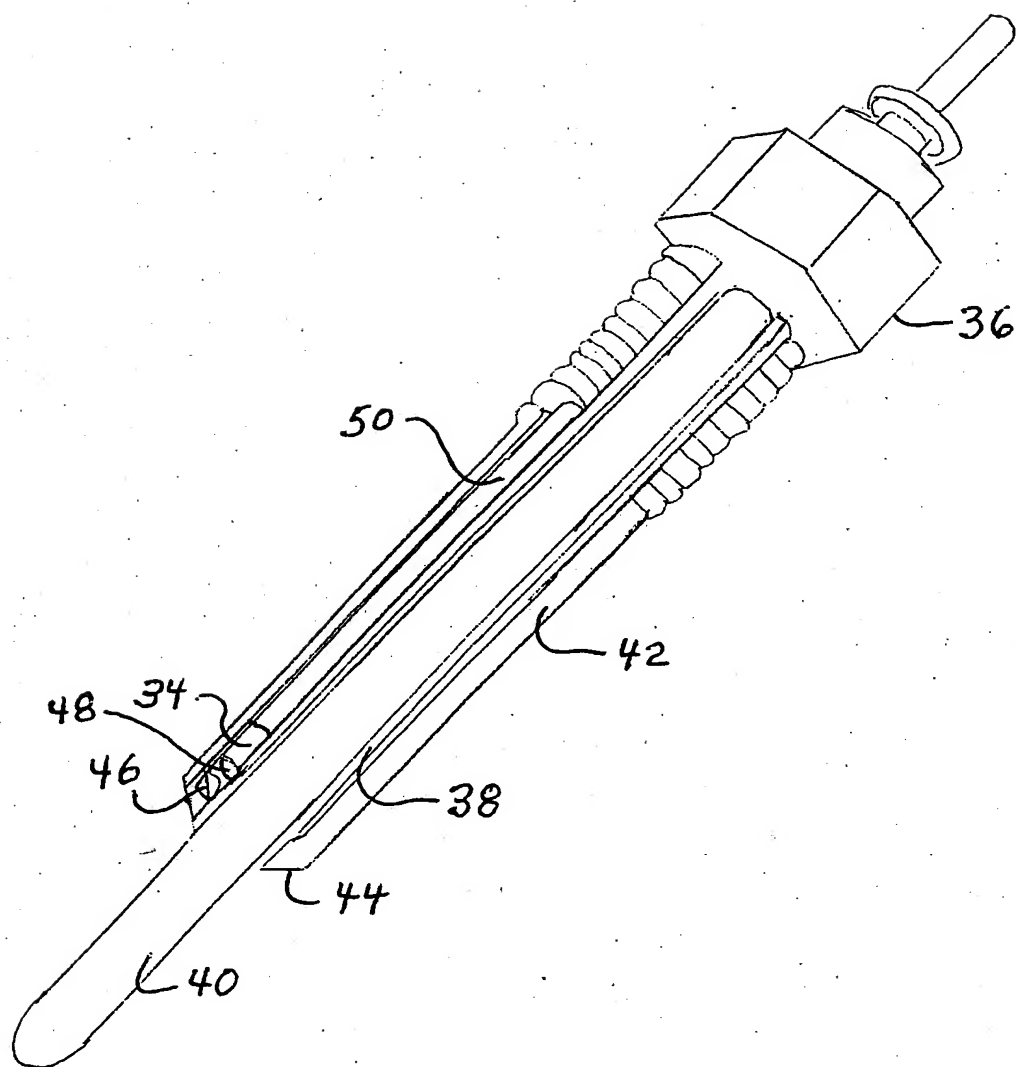


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FIG. 4

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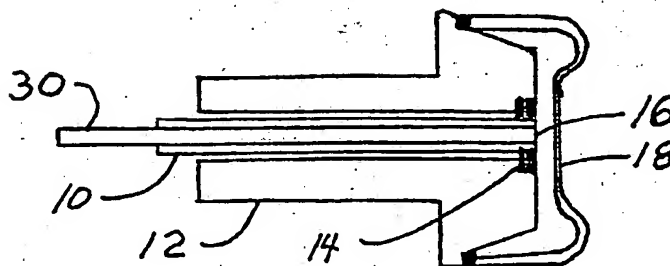
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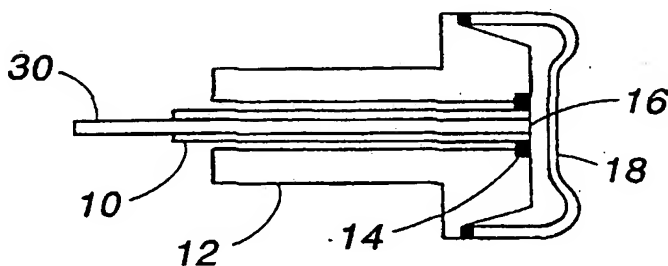
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